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Title: **METHOD, COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING A SWITCH USER  
FUNCTIONALITY IN AN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGICAL NETWORK**

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- ☐ Petition to extend time to respond  
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| CLAIMS AS AMENDED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY                            |   |   |  |  |             |                           |
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| (1)<br>FOR  | (2)<br>CLAIMS REMAINING<br>AFTER AMENDMENT  | (3)<br>NUMBER<br>EXTRA                      | (4)<br>HIGHEST NUMBER<br>PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | (5)<br>PRESENT<br>EXTRA                      | (6)<br>RATE | (7)<br>ADDITIONAL<br>FEES |
| TOTAL<br>CLAIMS   |   | MINUS                                       |  | = 0  | X \$50      | \$ 0                      |
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**INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

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Dear Sir:

The present document is a summary of an interview conducted on 11 SEP 2006, pertaining to the above-noted application. The participants in the interview were John Yankovich (Applicant's representative), Examiner Courtney Fields and Examiner Matthew Smithers.

In a final office action dated 2 JUN 2006 (hereinafter "the office action"), claims 1 – 4, 6, 8 – 16 and 20 – 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,886,038 to Tabbara et al. (hereinafter "the Tabbara et al. patent"). Claims 1, 13 and 25 are independent. The other pending claim each depend from one of claims 1, 13 or 25.

During the interview, the participants discussed claims 1, 13 and 25 and the Tabbara et al. patent. More particularly, with regard to claim 1, the participants noted the following points of distinction:

- (a) the Tabbara et al. patent describes encrypting using a public key, whereas claim 1 recites signing an SU certificate with a signature using a private key; and
- (b) the Tabbara et al. patent describes decrypting using a private key, whereas claim 1 recites authenticating the signature with a public key.

The participants also noted that claims 13 and 25 include recitals similar to those of claim 1, as described above.

In view of the aforementioned points of distinction, **the Examiners agreed:**

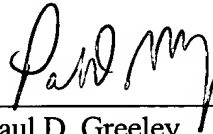
- (1) that the Tabbara et al. patent does not anticipate any of claims 1, 13 or 25, and therefore also does not anticipate any of the pending claims; and
- (2) to withdraw the finality of the office action.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that all claims presented in this application patentably distinguish over the prior art. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,



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